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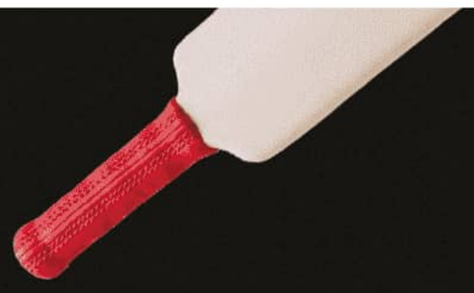

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No unused pages from students' notebooks will go waste as initiative aims to create new notebooks for children to use

Number of pedestrian deaths on state's roads have remained above 2,000-mark in recent years and civic activists say unless there is conscious move to prioritise human life over vehicle movement by including stakeholders in decision-making, nothing will change

ONE STEP FORWARD, THREE STEPS BACK

Crores of rupees allocated each year for better footpaths in Bengaluru

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As many as 2,321 pedestrians died in the state in 2024 in road accidents. This figure is a sordid reminder that pedestrians are not safe on our roads. Though the number of deaths is a marginal decline from 2,418 deaths in 2023, it remains higher than the 2022 figure of 2,105 and has consistently stayed above the 2,000 mark in recent years.

The data was recently presented in the Rajya Sabha by Union Minister Nitin Gadkari.

Experts point out urban centres like Bengaluru are particularly vulnerable. Poorly designed or missing footpaths, encroachments, and unsafe crossings often force pedestrians onto busy roads. In many areas, arterial roads and highways cut through dense neighbourhoods without adequate pedestrian infrastructure, increasing the risk of fatal accidents.

Divya Suresh, research and program associate, BPAC, said, "Pedestrian safety is often seen as a behavioural issue. It isn't, it is fundamentally a design and systems failure. Our streets continue to prioritise vehicle movement over human life. Until we shift to a "pedestrian-first"

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Take a seat, make it eco-friendly

Kasturinagar residents pool in money to install 12 benches made using recycled plastic on pathway around B Channasandra Lake

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Remember the omnipresent stone or concrete benches in parks and lakes in the city?

A group of citizens from Kasturinagar has blazed a trail with an alternative to these high-carbon footprint benches for public spaces.

After bringing B Channasandra Lake back to life last year, the citizen-led lake rescue team has now installed eco-friendly benches crafted from recycled plastic in the lake area for visitors to rest.

As many as 12 eco-friendly benches have been set up along a 1-km mud pathway around the lake.

The benches were installed following requests by senior citizens, who frequented the lake for morning or evening walks.

Each bench costs Rs 5,500 and is sponsored by residents in the area.

Residents, who pooled in money, say stone and concrete benches were not an option as they

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THINGS TO DO

01 It starts with a dream

The Lewis Foundation of Classical Ballet is presenting A Tale of Dreams and Destinies based on a classic tale from One Thousand and One Nights, exploring the power of a dream, and the courage it takes to make it real, no matter who you are. **Where: Prestige Centre for Performing Arts, Konanakunte; When: April 11 (By invitation) and 12 (Open to all)**

02 All fun and games

Bhartiya Mall of Bengaluru will be transformed into a vibrant playground with the launch of Playland, bringing together creativity, play and fun under one roof. Children can explore engaging toy exhibitions, interactive play zones, and hands-on workshops designed to spark creativity and imagination. **Where: Bhartiya Mall of Bengaluru; When: April 4, 12 pm**

03 Up for a cup?

Sattva Group is hosting a Coffee Rave, designed to attract young, urban consumers looking for a vibrant community and wellness-led lifestyle. The event features a lively music party, coffee and curated light food. **Where: Sattva City; When: April 4, 9 am**

04 Step your game up

Loco Lane transforms match day into a premium fan sanctuary, offering all inclusive IPL screenings with gourmet dining and box seating for an elevated experience. **Where: Loco Lane, Ashok Nagar; When: Until May 31, 5 pm**

05 Artistic exploration

Sublime Galleria presents Illumination, an evocative exhibition of Bhaskar Gauribidanur's black and white and abstract photography that explores light, shadow, emotion, and timeless expression. **Where: Sublime Galleria, UB City; When: Until April 5**

Biogas adoption picks up amid LPG uncertainty

Operational struggles due to shortage of LPGs pushes kitchens across city to switch to biogas, with shift rapidly accelerating adoption and transforming cooking practices

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Owing to the ongoing LPG crisis, commercial kitchens in the city are fast shifting to biogas.

Over the last couple of weeks, many restaurants and hotels have made this shift overnight. These kitchens are now running completely on biogas with support from electric equipment.

Bistro Claytopia in Koramangala shifted to biogas nearly two weeks ago, after shutting down for four days early this month due to LPG shortage. According to a service provider of biogas in the city, over the last couple of weeks, nearly 10 commercial kitchens in the city have made this change. Moreover, nearly 40 more kitchens have raised the request for this shift.

"We have not shifted completely on biogas yet, but we plan to do that as soon as possible. We decided to change our fuel requirement after facing the LPG crisis early this month. Our restaurant was closed for four days due to a shortage of LPG cylinders, and we could serve nothing else but coffee. While this shift was always on the cards, the crisis accelerated the process," said Rafiuddin, owner of Bistro Claytopia.

Since the restaurant's primary menu consists of burgers, pizzas, and pasta, the electric stove plays a crucial role. According to Rafiuddin, the new kitchen feels more efficient at the same cost.

According to biogas service provider in city, nearly 10 commercial kitchens have switched over last couple of weeks, while about 40 more have already requested to follow suit

SLV Ragigudda in Jayanagar brought the change on March 17. Shriram Adiga, owner of SLV Ragigudda, says nearly 90 per cent of the fuel requirement in his kitchen is being met with biogas. The rest is through electrical appliances. "We realised that we are heavily dependent on LPG only when LPG cylinders became scarce. For almost a week during the crisis, we had no other option but to cut down our menu and reduce service hours due to fuel shortage. We have transformed 90 per cent of our energy requirement in the kitchen to biogas," said Adiga.

Hotels say the only drawback of the shift is that biogas cylinders are more bulky and heavier than LPG cylinders for the same amount of energy. "A biogas cascade weighs much heavier compared to an LPG cylinder. This is because biogas is stored under low pressure and is less energy dense. This requires larger and heavier tanks to store fuel of the same heating capacity. Other than this, biogas is as convenient as LPG," said a restaurant owner in North Bengaluru.

Hotels raise prices dramatically as gas costs soar

Bengaluru diners are reeling as hotels sharply increase food and snack prices following a steep surge in commercial LPG cylinder rates. A 19 kg cylinder has jumped nearly Rs 500 in just a month, while supplies have dropped by half due to global tensions. Hotel owners admit the hike was inevitable. "Our costs have gone out of control as gas, rent, electricity, everything is up. We had no choice but to raise prices," said one operator.

The impact hits everyday items hard. Coffee and tea have risen Rs 2–3, simple meals are Rs 10–20 costlier, and popular dishes like rava idli, poori, dosa, and chicken biryani have all jumped sharply. Parcel charges have doubled in some places due to higher packaging costs. "Customers are already down by 20–30 per cent. If we raise prices further, it will hurt even more," another hotel owner admitted, leaving diners frustrated and shocked at how quickly their meals have become more expensive.

Study begins on tunnel road impact between Silk Board and Hebbal

A team from the Geological Survey of India has begun a geological study at Lalbagh Botanical Garden to assess the impact of the proposed tunnel road connecting Silk Board Junction and Hebbal. A five-member expert committee, led by senior official KV Maruti, has been tasked with evaluating how the project could affect the nationally recognised geological formations within Lalbagh. The team includes engineers and geologists from Bengaluru, Chennai, and Hyderabad, and has been asked to submit its report within a few weeks.

The proposed tunnel is planned to pass beneath Lalbagh, requiring temporary acquisition of about 6 acres and permanent acquisition of around 1 acre of land. The study focuses on the potential impact on the "Peninsular Gneissic Complex," a significant geological heritage formation. Experts are reviewing the detailed project report and examining boreholes drilled earlier for geological assessment. The project has raised concerns among citizens and environmentalists, who fear damage to Lalbagh's ecological and historical integrity. Many activists had earlier urged scientific evaluation of the site, prompting the formation of this committee, which is expected to submit its findings soon. — BMB

Driving licence now valid for 30 days after expiry

The central government has amended the Motor Vehicles Act to allow a 30-day grace period after the expiry of a driving licence (DL), during which it will remain valid. The renewal will now be effective from the date of application rather than the expiry date. Relevant legal provisions have been revised to enable this change, and the term "expiry" has been replaced with "renewal." Additionally, vehicle registration can now be done at any RTO within the state, removing earlier jurisdiction restrictions. The time limits for notifying insurance companies about vehicle ownership transfer and for cancelling registration have also been extended from 14 days to 30 days.

During this 30-day grace period, if an accident occurs, insurance claims will be permitted, restoring a provision that had been removed in 2019. However, officials clarified that while the DL remains valid for this period, the insurance policy itself must still be active, and expired policies will require inspection before renewal. The amendments also introduce stricter penalties: if a vehicle defect causes an accident resulting in injury or property damage, the owner could face up to six months' imprisonment and a fine of Rs 5,000. — BMB

Doctor adds another feather to cap with pageant win

Dr Sandeep MC, Chairman of Amma Cardiac Care (AMC), has added another achievement to his name. After winning the Mr Bangalore title, he was officially crowned Mr India in Delhi by VRP Productions. Expressing his pride, Dr Sandeep said that along with one's regular career, it is possible to achieve passionate goals through consistent hard work, discipline and determination. — BMB

Youth attacked by group amid public celebration

Over 10 individuals allegedly rough up resident for asking them to make way for his vehicle during chariot procession and festivities in Munnekolala

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Hundreds of residents at Munnekolala near Marathahalli gathered in the early hours of April 1 to witness the annual fair and chariot procession. In previous years, the event passed without hurdles or law and order problems. However, this year residents were shocked to see a young man being beaten by more than 10 youths. The group, dancing in an inebriated condition in front of the chariot, allegedly became violent when the resident asked them to make way for his car to reach his home a few metres from Munnekolala Circle.

It is said that the police were controlling the crowd on the other side of the circle. The youths, in an inebriated condition, beat up Mukesh and also damaged his car. Residents shifted Mukesh to a nearby hospital, where he is undergoing treatment for his injuries.

Local leaders at Munnekolala are now worried about the safety of devotees from drunkards and miscreants. They have demanded that police take stringent action against those responsible for attacking Mukesh.

"Annual fair and chariot processions from various temples situated in and around Munnekolala have been held since my childhood. No untoward incidents took place all these years. The unfortunate incident in the wee hours of April 1 has disturbed and shocked the residents of Munnekolala. I came to know that Marathahalli police have arrested four people for beating Mukesh. I appeal to the police to nab the remaining accused who are on the run," said N Srinivasa Reddy, a resident.

Echoing the same view, resident S Hemanth Kumar said the police must arrest the remaining accused without delay. "I appeal to the police to provide security to prevent any untoward incidents during the chariot procession. The cultural programmes are scheduled to be held from March 27 to April 8. I want the police to act tough against the accused without succumbing to political pressure," said Hemanth Kumar.

Video grab of the assault

Noting that no untoward incidents have occurred during festivities over past years, residents urge police to take strict action against those responsible for the attack

Marathahalli police have registered a first information report (FIR) based on a complaint lodged by Rakesh, Mukesh's brother. The FIR was registered under Sections 109 (attempt to murder), 126(2) (wrongful restraint), 191(2) (punishment for general rioting), and 351(2) (criminal intimidation) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) 2023.

A resident, on the condition of anonymity, said the police have filed an FIR against nine persons only. "More than 15 persons attacked Mukesh. I do not know when the police will nab the remaining accused persons," he said.

Reportedly, a Sub-Inspector at Marathahalli Police Station issued a notice to Rakesh, Mukesh's brother, asking him to cooperate with the police by producing proof related to the case. "You are directed to appear before me within three days to produce the proof of the incident," the police notice read.

Auto drivers protest LPG shortage

A massive protest erupted in Rajarajeshwari Nagar after hundreds of autorickshaw drivers converged at the local petrol bunks, demanding a solid resolution for the ongoing auto LPG shortage, on Thursday.

Matters escalated and quickly turned chaotic, with an overwhelming crowd of autos flooding the long queues which spread for almost 2 km, from the LPG station onto the main road. Traffic came to a virtual standstill as frustrated drivers waited for long hours, unsure if they could get some supply. While the state government insists that there is no shortage, on-ground reality looks distorted. According to the drivers, this situation is dreadful as it directly affects their livelihood. **-BMB**

Bid to encroach police property unearthed

The Malleswaram police have launched an investigation into an alleged attempt to encroach upon a police department property in Malleswaram, valued at around Rs 80 crore, following an electricity bill discrepancy that exposed suspected irregularities. An FIR has been registered based on a complaint filed by Lokayukta Inspector M Kumar. The accused include MR Mahalakshmi, Krishnamurthy, Srinath Naragadde, along with certain officials from BBMP and BESCOM. The issue came to light when an electricity bill issued to Inspector Kumar bore Mahalakshmi's name instead of the police department. Subsequent inquiries allegedly revealed creation of fraudulent documents. **-BMB**

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Students lead initiative to turn waste into wisdom

School campaign turns leftover paper into valuable resources, inspiring eco-conscious habits while uplifting children lacking basic educational materials

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At a time when sustainability and access to education remain pressing concerns, a simple yet impactful idea is turning unused resources into meaningful opportunities for underprivileged children.

Titled the "Blank Page Initiative", the campaign, running from April 2 to 13, encourages students to collect unused pages from their notebooks at the end of the academic year. Instead of letting these blank sheets go to waste, students are asked to tear them out and drop them into designated collection boxes placed across the campus. These sheets will then be repurposed and bound into new notebooks, which will be distributed to children from economically weaker backgrounds.

The initiative is being carried out by Capitol Public School in collaboration with Indian Ploggers Army, combining environmental responsibility with social impact. Every academic year, a large number of notebooks are left with several unused pages, which are often discarded. This campaign aims to channel those wasted resources into something meaningful.

Student deposits blank pages during the school's eco-initiative promoting reuse and access to education

Vice Principal Prathima Prakash highlighted the vision behind the effort: "This initiative is not just about recycling paper, but about building a sense of responsibility among students. When children actively participate in such drives, they understand the value of resources and the importance of giving back to society. At the same time, we are able to support students who may not have access to basic study materials," she said.

According to Raj from Indian Ploggers Army, the advantages of such an initiative are manifold. Environmentally, it reduces paper wastage and promotes a culture of reuse at a young age, helping students become more conscious of sustainable practices. Socially, it ensures that children from underprivileged backgrounds receive essential learning tools like notebooks, which can often be a barrier to consistent education.

Moreover, the initiative fosters empathy and community engagement among students. "By contributing something as simple as unused paper, they become active participants in a larger cause, understanding that small actions can create meaningful change. It also introduces them to the concept of the circular use of resources, where waste is minimised and materials are continuously repurposed.

Collection effort repurposes unused sheets as bound books, aiding marginalised youngsters, reducing waste, encouraging environmental responsibility and local community participation

By collecting these pages and partnering with GoGreen Box to upcycle them into fresh notebooks for underprivileged children, we are closing the loop on waste and opening doors for education. We invite multiple schools and the public to be part of such initiatives, and we are more than glad to partner in such activities by connecting the green dots."

Tightrope walking on city's footpaths

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approach, fatalities will remain high." From an on-ground urban design perspective, she suggested urgent measures such as traffic calming (raised crossings, speed control), frequent and safe crossings, continuous and obstruction-free footpaths, safer junction design, proper signages and well-lit streets.

"Short- and long-term interventions must be implemented consistently with strong governance and maintenance. Safer streets won't come from enforcement alone, design must ensure safer speeds and prioritise people."

Arun Pai, Coordinator Walkaluru, a champion for pedestrian rights, said, "Every death is one death too many. The data shows that the maximum deaths are at junctions, while crossing. Pedestrian-first junction design is the need of the hour, and can certainly reduce the number of deaths. This aspect has been recognised in the recent budgets of the five corporations. However, given the absence of pedestrian safety infrastructure at most busy junctions, and significant obstacles (both movable and fixed) on high-speed main roads, the decision to walk on the road costs pedestrians dearly - particularly the more vulnerable citizens like senior citizens and children."

States with highest pedestrian deaths (2024 provisional)
- **Tamil Nadu** – 4,712
- **Bihar** – 4,149
- **Maharashtra** – 3,344
- **West Bengal** – 3,241
- **Karnataka** – 2,321

India recorded a total of 36,526 pedestrian deaths in 2024 (provisional), up from 35,221 in 2023 and 32,825 in 2022, pointing to a steady national rise.

Srikanth Narasimhan, founder, Bengaluru Navanirmana Party, said, "The continuing high number of pedestrian deaths underscores the lack of focus on the part of the government on pedestrian mobility. In many parts of the city, footpaths are unwalkable and roads are uncrossable. While there is a budget allocated for footpaths every year (including hundreds of crores of rupees in the recently announced Corporation budgets), there is absolutely no involvement of citizens in deciding what is needed locally. Even more importantly, there is no transparency on what is being done with this money. Until citizens are involved and transparency is brought in, there is no hope for better pedestrian infrastructure in Bengaluru."

A Gandhinagar resident expressed frustration over the worsening pedestrian conditions. "Footpaths here have completely lost their purpose. There is simply no space left for people to walk. Every stretch is encroached by food trucks, street vendors, petty shops, parked vehicles, and even piles of garbage.

People are forced to walk on the roads amid traffic, which is extremely dangerous. Despite raising multiple complaints with authorities, nothing has changed. The situation is serious, but there seems to be no accountability or action on the ground."

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wanted to maintain them in pristine condition. "While there is a walking path around the lake, it is a mud path. We did not want to introduce concrete as it would compromise the lake's natural environment. Plastic is being generated, and there is no turning the clock back on that. Use the existing plastic by recycling and upcycling is the way forward, and thus, benches crafted from recycled plastic made sense," said George Panakal, a resident of Kasturinagar, who donated one out of the 12 benches.

Locals wanted the lake to be different from the rest of the lakes in the city, maintained by the Greater Bengaluru Authority. "We do not want B Channasandra Lake to turn into a park or a concrete area with amenities such as a gym or play areas. One of the reasons behind this decision is to maintain biodiversity. The lake, including the forest around it, is rich in biodiversity. We have documented nearly 50 bird species and 70 plant species over the last year," said Ashwin B, another resident who has been part of the lake rescue team.

Alexandrine Parakeet, seen in February at B Channasandra Lake

The lake area, under the jurisdiction of the Karnataka Forest Department (KFD), is now spread over 6.5 acres. The water body was defunct for more than three decades before it was brought back to life by residents from the area. "We rejuvenated the lake with permission from KFD. However, the fund was arranged by residents of the area; we collected Rs 8 lakh for the work.

Many NGOs and organisations helped us in the process under CSR. Before it was rejuvenated, the lake was a dumping ground, and the majority of the lake area was already encroached," said Abhijit MS, resident of Kasturinagar and core member of Lake Rescue Team, a citizen group maintaining the water body.

The Lake Rescue Team plans to plant a Mandala around the lake soon. Mandala plantation includes saplings planted in circular, concentric garden beds to maximise space, improve water efficiency, and enhance biodiversity. "Research says that planting circularly ensures better health of plants and accelerates root growth and it also serves an aesthetic purpose," added Abhijit.

Interior delays leave homebuyers stranded, cheated, drained

Middle-class families face mounting losses as failed interior contracts, bounced cheques, and vanished firms expose protection gaps

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Are you one of those homebuyers who want to engage an interior decorator to turn your house into a sweet home with personalised design? If so, you have to think twice before selecting an agency to decorate your home. If you are in a hurry, you are set to join the list of victims who have been running from pillar to post seeking justice.

Bangalore Mirror reported on January 22, that homebuyers, particularly from middle-class families, are increasingly vulnerable to exploitation not only by builders but also by interior designers. Several victims have lodged police complaints, while others have been forced to move into incomplete homes lacking basic furniture.

Vinod Kumar M, one of the victims of Homcraft, said a cheque issued by the company was dishonoured by the Federal Bank due to insufficient funds. "I struggled a lot to get my interior design work done by Homcraft. I was compelled to stay at a rented house for months due to the delay in completing the interior design work. To compensate for the loss, Homcraft issued a cheque, but it got dishonoured by the bank," he said.

Narrating his experience with Homcraft Sujoy Kumar Hore, another homebuyer described that what he has endured represents not just poor service, but systematic fraud, criminal breach of trust and deliberate consumer harassment. "I engaged with Homcraft on September 23, 2025 (Order SO-202425003849), acting in complete good faith. By November 2, 2025, I had paid 80% of the total order value—demonstrating my commitment to the agreed terms. What followed has been six months of lies, broken promises, and financial devastation. Homcraft promised delivery in December 2025. Later they fixed January, February 10 to 15, and 28, March 2 and 10, and 16. Each deadline passed with nothing but excuses. When I demanded manufacturing progress photographs to verify their claims, they couldn't produce them," he said.

Sujoy added that because Homcraft promised December delivery, he arranged rental accommodation expecting to move into his completed home. "Their delays have cost me Rs 40,000 per month in rental losses since December's third week totalling Rs 1,60,000 and counting. My builder's granite supply and installation arrangement expired in mid-February due to Homcraft's delays, creating additional losses. When I demanded a refund or compensation, they ignored me," he said.

Arun Prabhakar, another victim, had to occupy his home without interior decoration. "I lodged a complaint with Hoskote police against Homcraft. I, along with a police constable, visited Homcraft office in KR Puram. We found the door locked. The landlord told us that Homcraft staffs did not turn up for the last few months. I lost money and peace. I had to shift to my flat due to no other option. They put my family in trouble," he said.

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The incomplete flat of Arun Prabhakar reflects delays, distress, and broken promises by interior designers of Homcraft

Dream homes turn stressful as families juggle rent, empty flats, and broken promises. With complaints rising, victims recount emotional and financial strain caused by unreliable interior design services

Mother dies after infant's accidental death

A 30-year-old woman allegedly died by suicide following the accidental death of her 11-month-old son, who is believed to have fallen into water, at their residence in Byraveshwarnagar near Nagarbhavi in Bengaluru on Wednesday, police said.

The deceased have been identified as Pratibha Wali and her infant son. According to a complaint lodged by her husband, Mahantesh Wali (32), an engineer working at a private firm in Peenya, he left for work around 9 am on April 1, leaving his wife and child at home. Pratibha, who worked for a private company near Silk Board, was working from home that day. When he returned around 6.30 pm, Mahantesh found the house locked from inside. Chandralayout police have filed a case and futher investigation is underway. **-BMB**

CRIME FILES

Husband kills wife over financial dispute

A 45-year-old businessman has been taken into custody by Peenya Police for allegedly killing his wife following a dispute over finances on Thursday. The accused, Dhariyappa, allegedly fatally assaulted his wife Kavya, 35, at their residence after an argument escalated. Police said they were alerted in the afternoon and reached the scene immediately. Preliminary investigation found the couple frequently argued over financial and household matters. During one such confrontation, Dhariyappa attacked Kavya and repeatedly kicked her in the neck, causing her death. Officers apprehended him following the incident and took him into custody. **-BMB**

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Police personnel honoured; CM stresses on crime control

The Karnataka Police commemorated Police Flag Day on Thursday with a formal ceremony at the KSRP Grounds in Koramangala, where Chief Minister Siddaramaiah presented the Chief Minister's Medal to 158 police personnel for exemplary service in 2025.

The event was attended by Home Minister G Parameshwara and senior officials, including DGP Dr. MA Saleem. Among those honoured were five IPS officers - Suman D Pennekar, Dr K Arun, Prithvik Shankar, Dr Gopal M Byakod, and Hari Babu. In total, 153 police personnel, including these officers, were recognised during the event.

Siddaramaiah noted that Karnataka continues to perform well in controlling and punishing several categories of crime. However, he cautioned that certain offences, including cybercrime, remain above the national average and must be curbed with stricter measures. Siddaramaiah also noted the strong link between law and order and the state's economic growth, stating that maintaining public safety directly contributes to GDP development. —BMB

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I, ADITI LAHANE, W/o. Nandan Santoshkumar Tawari, Residing at Flat No- 801, Block-B, CLPD Sunrise, Gunjur, Bengaluru -560087, Karnataka, have changed my name to ADITI AJAY LAHANE, vide affidavit dated: 02.04.2026 before notary K.V. MANI, Bengaluru.

I, Rizwan Akram R/o No. 7/3, 1st Floor, 3rd Cross, 2nd Main, Chengaiah Compound Krishnappa Garden East Jayanagar 3rd Block, Bangalore 560041 have changed my minor daughter's name from Ramsha Fathima to Rumaisa Fatima.

I, Sheetal Agrawal w/o Manish Kumar R/o T.402, 3rd flr Ph-1, Yeshwanthpur, O block, platinum city, Bengaluru 560022 have changed my name to Sheetal Singhal. I shall be called by this name for all purposes

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I, Narayani Amol Punyamurtiwar D/o Amol V Punyamurtiwar R/o 417 4th Block Sumukha Simhadri Springs, 3rd Cross ,Uttarahalli, B'lore-560061 have changed my name to Narayani Punyamurtiwar.

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Legacy waste piles up despite accelerated clean-up push

Nearly half cleared, but over 73 lakh tonnes of old garbage still threaten urban ecosystems, public health, and looming national deadline

Garbage piles being handled by heavy machinery capture both progress and the enormity of untreated waste burden still lingering across sites

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Old garbage mountains still choke urban land, contaminating water and air. Despite progress, untreated waste threatens communities, demanding faster action before the national September 2026 deadline arrives

Karnataka is currently sitting on a massive 143.64 lakh metric tonnes of legacy waste spread across 32 dumpsites, and despite an accelerated national clean-up push, more than half of it, 73.25 lakh MT, still remains untreated.

Even as the State has cleared 70.39 lakh MT since November 2025, the scale of the remaining waste highlights the enormity of the challenge on the ground. The data, presented in the Rajya Sabha, places Karnataka among the states with the highest legacy waste burden in the country, behind only larger contributors like Maharashtra and Delhi. While nearly 49 per cent of the waste has been processed in recent months, the remaining volume continues to pose serious environmental and public health risks, especially in urban clusters such as Bengaluru.

At the national level, the Centre has identified 214 major dumpsites under the Dumpsite Remediation Acceleration Programme (DRAP), accounting for 1,262.43 lakh MT of waste. Of this, 528.19 lakh MT has been cleared since November 2025, translating to roughly 42 per cent progress.

Karnataka's clean-up rate is slightly better than the national average, but the absolute volume of untreated waste remains high. States like Delhi have cleared a significant portion of their waste, over 120 lakh MT out of 158 lakh MT, while Maharashtra still has a massive 293.08 lakh MT pending out of 377.07 lakh MT. In comparison, Karnataka's pending waste of over 73 lakh MT keeps it firmly among the high-burden states.

Legacy waste, essentially old garbage accumulated over several years, continues to occupy large tracts of urban land and contributes to pollution, groundwater contamination and fire hazards. In Karnataka, much of this burden lies around rapidly expanding urban centres, where waste generation continues to rise and existing disposal systems remain under strain. Ongoing remediation efforts aim to reclaim land and reduce environmental risks, but progress needs to accelerate to match the scale of the problem.

Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs Tokhan Sahu, in his reply, underlined the scale of the national effort. "A total of 2,474 dumpsites with about 25.09 crore metric tonnes of legacy waste have been identified. So far, 65 percent of this waste has been remediated, and work is ongoing across hundreds of sites under the accelerated programme," he stated. He added that the government is pushing for complete remediation of the identified high-burden dumpsites by September 2026, while also ensuring that fresh waste does not accumulate under the new Solid Waste Management Rules coming into force from April.

For Karnataka, the numbers reflect both progress and urgency. While nearly half the waste has been cleared in a short period, the remaining 73.25 lakh MT indicates the State still has significant ground to cover. With urban expansion and waste generation continuing to rise, the coming months will be crucial in determining whether Karnataka can meet the deadline and reduce one of its largest environmental challenges, an activist added.

IN HIGH COURT

Dowry case quashed: 'Minor skirmishes common in joint families'

The Karnataka High Court has quashed criminal proceedings against the in-laws of a woman who had alleged dowry harassment, cautioning that criminal law cannot be misused to rope in entire families in matrimonial disputes.

Justice M Nagaprasanna, presiding over the case, examined the complaint and found that the dispute arose from what he described as "minor skirmishes" that are "not uncommon to joint families," but had been elevated to the "pedestal of criminality." The court stressed that the essential requirement for invoking Section 498A of the IPC is the presence of grave cruelty tied to unlawful dowry demands, and not mere "marital discord."

Placing reliance on the Supreme Court's ruling in Ghanshyam Soni v State Government of NCT of Delhi (2025), the court reiterated the need for caution while dealing with such cases. It observed: "The Apex Court in GHANSHYAM SONI supra underscores the imperative for the Courts to sift through allegations with care and circumspection, particularly where aged relatives are implicated based on sweeping and unspecific accusations. The Apex Court cautions against permitting criminal law to be wielded as a weapon, to ensnare entire families in the vortex of matrimonial discord."

Assessing the allegations in the complaint, the court noted that even the claims of dowry demands were largely linked to pre-marital discussions between December 2017 and February 2018, mainly concerning marriage expenses. It found no specific or actionable accusations against the in-laws. As the court recorded: "Even in respect of dowry demands, the narration pertains predominantly to pre-marital discussions spanning between December 2017 to February 2018 ostensibly in the context of marriage expenses. The complaint thus, does not delineate any concrete demand of dowry attributable to the petitioners, nor does it articulate conduct, meeting the statutory threshold of cruelty."

The court further observed that the mother-in-law, father-in-law and sister-in-law had been "without any rhyme or reason dragged into the web of proceedings." It noted that both the complaint and the chargesheet primarily referred to expenses incurred during the wedding period prior to the marriage and failed to establish the necessary ingredients of cruelty or dowry harassment under Section 498A.

The case originated in October 2018, about six months after the marriage, when the woman lodged a complaint alleging harassment and cruelty by her husband and his family. Based on this, the Basaveshwaranagar police registered a case against all the accused.

Allowing their plea, the court concluded: "The case at hand projects a classic illustration of trivial discords amplified into criminal prosecution. To permit the proceedings to continue against these petitioners, the mother-in-law, the father-in-law and the sister-in-law would become an abuse of the process of the law." Accordingly, the High Court quashed the proceedings pending before the Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate in Bengaluru. **–BMB**

Seniority issue settled, guidelines issued for future clarity

The Karnataka High Court has rejected a challenge filed by a group of direct recruit district judges who questioned the validity of seniority lists issued in 2016 and 2022. In doing so, the court upheld the existing lists and overturned an earlier single-judge decision that had ruled in favour of the direct recruits.

The dispute centred on how seniority within the district judiciary should be determined, particularly between judges promoted from the civil judge cadre and those appointed through direct recruitment. The petitioners argued that promotee judges had been placed above them contrary to the prescribed quota system and that promotions had exceeded permissible limits. A single judge had previously accepted these claims and directed a revision of the seniority lists, but the issue later reached a full bench after a split verdict in appeal.

Re-examining the matter, the full bench disagreed with the earlier ruling and clarified that the quota for different categories of judges must be calculated based on the total sanctioned strength of posts, not merely on available vacancies. It found no concrete evidence to support the claim that promotee judges had exceeded their share. The court also pointed out that the absence of a formally notified cadre strength made it difficult to conclusively determine whether any imbalance had occurred.

On the issue of fixing seniority, the bench reaffirmed that, in certain circumstances, it is permissible to assign seniority from a date earlier than the formal appointment. It noted that this principle had already been settled in prior litigation and should not be reopened, particularly as doing so could disrupt the functioning of the judiciary by affecting officers who have already been serving in senior positions.

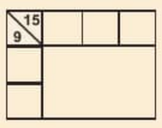
The court further held that the earlier finding of violation of constitutional guarantees, such as equality in public employment, was not supported by sufficient material. It stressed that conclusions on such issues must be based on clear and reliable data, which was lacking in the present case.

While dismissing the challenge, the High Court also issued directions to streamline the system and prevent similar disputes in the future. It asked the state government to formally notify the cadre strength of district judges within a fixed timeframe and to implement a structured roster system for appointments and promotions. It also called for alignment with the prescribed quota distribution and the framing of clearer rules governing seniority and service conditions.

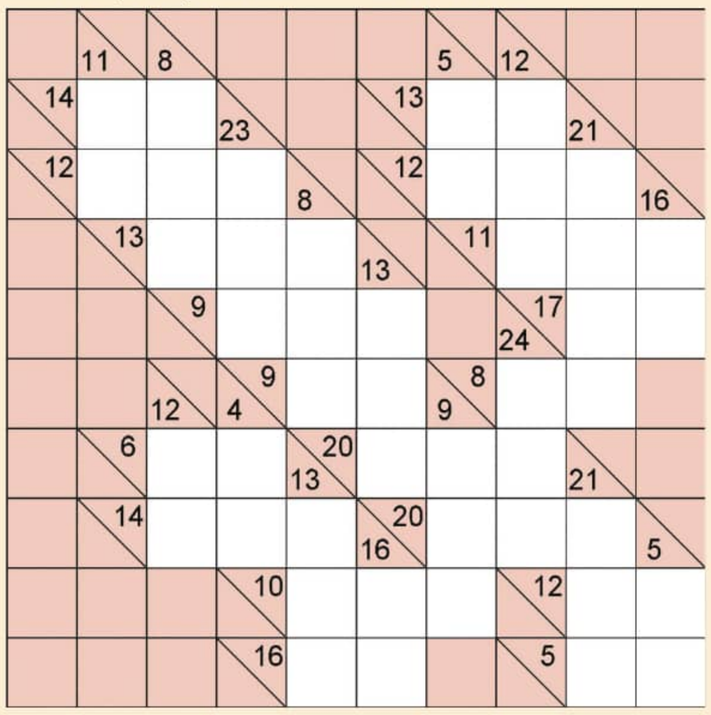
With these observations, the court allowed the appeals filed by the High Court administration and promotee judges, effectively settling a prolonged dispute over seniority while laying down guidelines aimed at bringing greater clarity and consistency to judicial service administration across the state. **–BMB**

Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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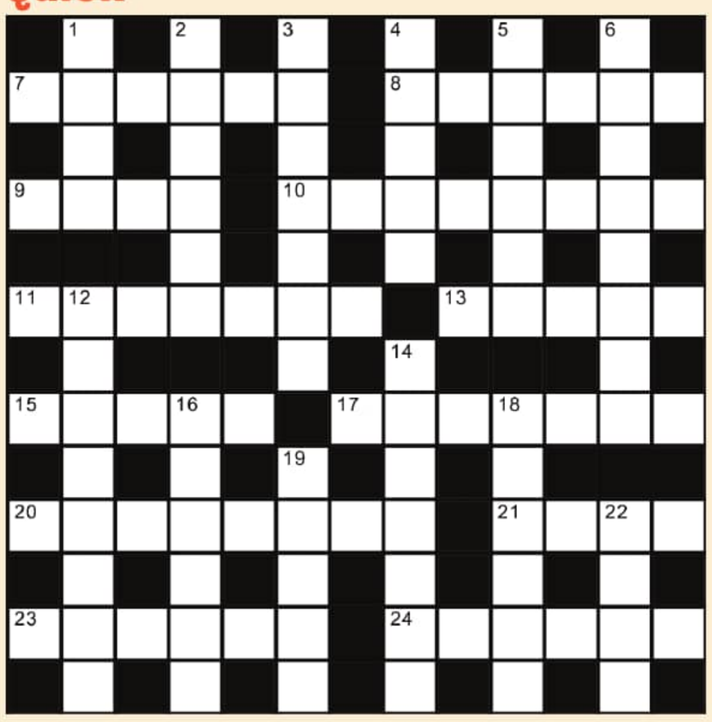


ACROSS

7 Artillery discharges (6)
8 Wickedly, awfully; in a contemptible manner (6)
9 Move very fast (4)
10 Current–not passe? (2,2,4)
11 ___ the fire : making the fire burn brighter? (7)
13 Attacked or engaged in a fight (3,2)
15 Cuts or lops (5)
17 Landing strips (7)
20 City in Saurashtra (8)
21 Quiet period (4)
23 Afternoon nap (6)
24 Homer's home (6)

DOWN

1 American university (4)
2 Czech composer (6)
3 Publishing (7)
4 Gives out (5)
5 A young man especially in Scotland ? (6)
6 Overeating (8)
12 Excellent (8)
14 Great injustice (7)
16 Tennis star Bhupathi (6)
18 Let raw anagram for a man's name? (6)
19 A steamed dosa (5)
22 Mathematical sets (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: Y EQUALS H

YP NYV AVPE BVW SBVN YVN WV JP ETKP.BW NTKK BVW SBVN YVN WV EMPIS.

Linemaro

You know what you would really look beautiful in? My arms

Mindchow

The greatest good you can do for another is not just to share your riches but to reveal to him his own

Joke of the day

"Several tons of dynamite are set off in this picture – none of it under the right people." – Poet James Agee reviewing the movie 'Tycoon'

Loop

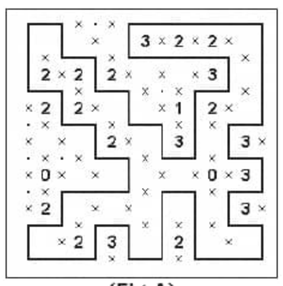
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

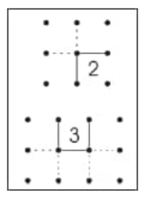
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

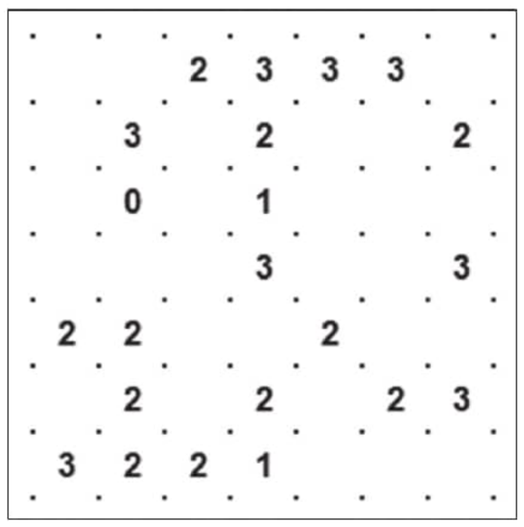
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



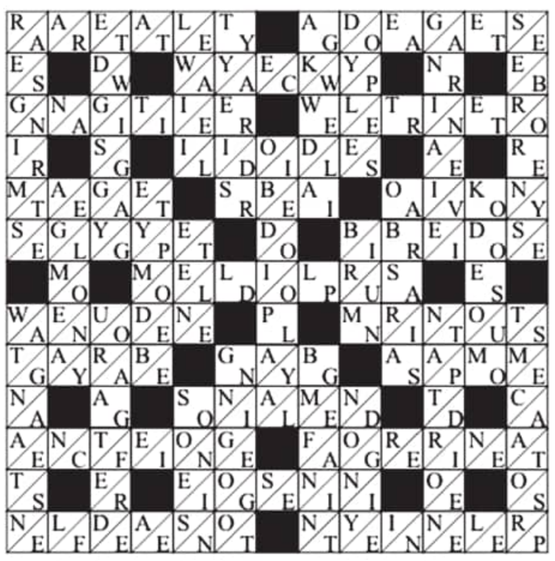
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



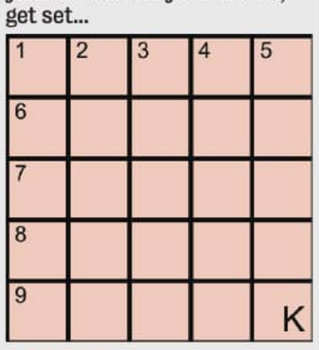
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Z cars; 6 Store;
7 Nu Awe; 8 Amain;
9 Ban LK

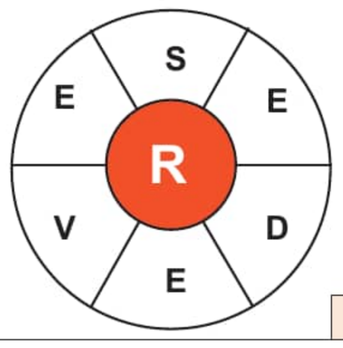
DOWN

1 Mr Cub; 2 Loan Z;
3 A Nasa; 4 Wren I;
5 Stake

Mensapuzzle

Which letter replaces the blank and completes the sequence?

F	I
J	G
N	Q
R	O
V	Y
Z	



Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

10 Average; **12** Good; **14** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

	5		6		7	3		
1				5				
7			2					
	2	4	7				8	5
	6						9	
8	1				3	2	6	
					5			6
				1				9
		5	8		9		1	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 15

4 8 7 4

Medium = 21

4 4 9 4

Hard = 24

2 2 3 8

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

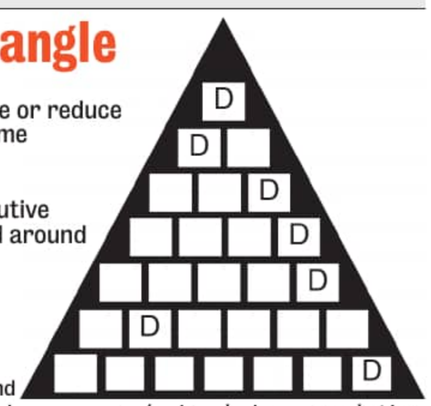
Differences: 1. Blanket is longer. **2.** Foot is moved. **3.** Arm is not showing. **4.** Moon is different. **5.** Curtain is shorter. **6.** Pillow is different.

Riddler

What does the star represent in the rebus: A N O

Alpha triangle

1 Vitamin type
2 Prefix for remove or reduce
3 Edward's pet name
4 Bound
5 Weary
6 Newspaper executive
7 Circled or moved around

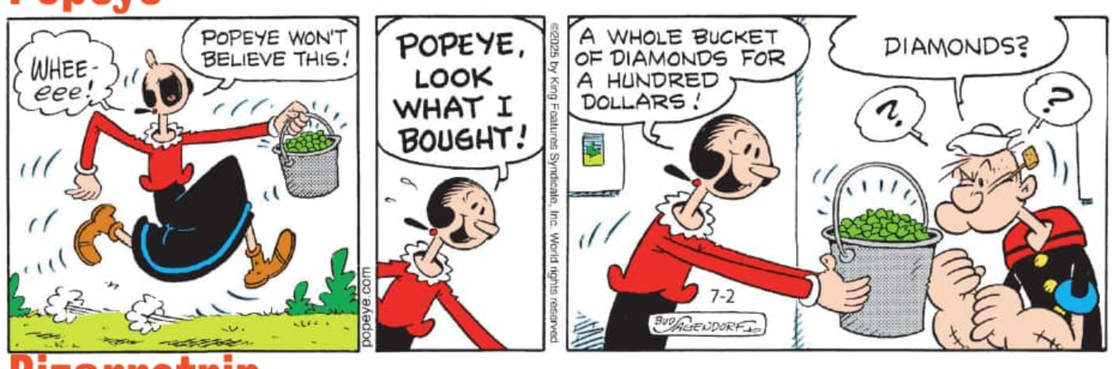


Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE »

COMICS

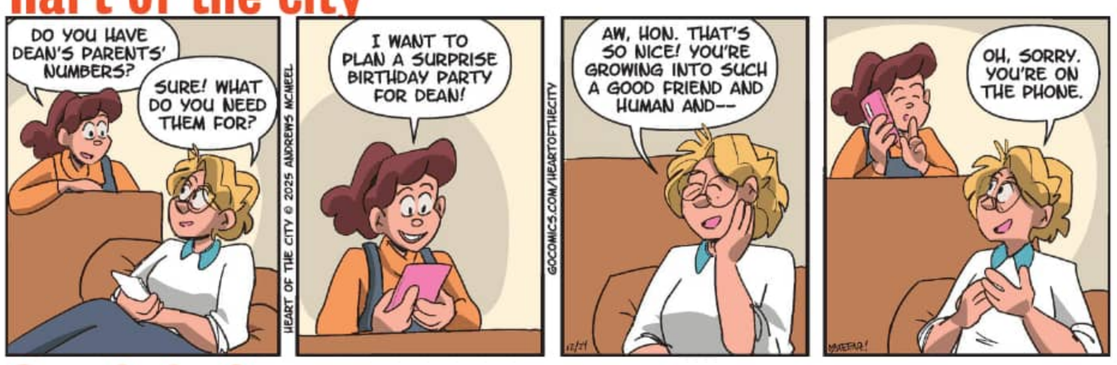
Popeye



Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city



Crankshaft

Mutts

WRITTEN IN THE STARS

Dr SUNDEEP KOCHAR

If it's your birthday today

Birthday wishes surround you today as a vibrant year begins. Travel may arrive unexpectedly, perhaps through career collaborations or learning experiences. Love feels exciting yet grounding, reminding you what truly matters. Financial opportunities appear when you stay patient. At home, warmth, creativity, and late night conversations refill your spirit. Step forward confidently; the world feels ready for your bright ideas.

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20

Financial prospects improve today, Aries. If worries about money or work lingered, a fresh start is possible. Reflect on past mistakes before pursuing new opportunities, ventures, or job changes, and plan carefully.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20

Relaxation takes priority today, Taurus. Step back from responsibilities and enjoy activities you've neglected lately. Treat yourself to genuine self-care and small pleasures, reminding yourself that rest and enjoyment are just as important.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21

A refreshing outlook appears today, Gemini. Release lingering attachments to the past and welcome what lies ahead. New friendships and relationships may develop, bringing meaningful connections that could positively shape your future.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23

Your supportive nature shines today, Cancer. Reach out to loved ones who might need guidance or encouragement. Offering help strengthens bonds and creates positive energy, allowing your kindness and wisdom to uplift others.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23

Be open to unexpected opportunities today, Leo. Whether in romance or career, saying yes could lead to meaningful changes. Stay receptive rather than controlling, allowing possibilities that truly align with your heart.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23

Routine may feel limiting today, Virgo. Seek inspiration by exploring unfamiliar places or experiences. Stepping outside your usual environment can spark creativity, refresh your mindset, and encourage productive new ideas.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22

Emotional balance is essential today, Libra. Step away from your busy schedule and prioritise calm. Relaxation or meditation can help release stress, restoring clarity and perspective when situations begin to feel overwhelming.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22

Take control of your path today, Scorpio. Trust your instincts and act confidently in shaping your future. Initiative brings recognition and progress, but remain aware of competition while moving toward success.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22

Your adventurous spirit calls for movement today, Sagittarius. If routine has felt restrictive, consider planning a trip or exploring somewhere new. Fresh environments can restore excitement and renew your sense of freedom.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20

Growth comes through embracing change today, Capricorn. Learning new skills or exploring different experiences expands your perspective. Keep an open mind, because valuable connections and opportunities for development may appear unexpectedly.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19

Your focus turns toward the future today, Aquarius. Release past concerns and take responsibility for decisions about health and career. Thoughtful planning and determination will help you shape the direction ahead.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20

Express love through thoughtful actions today, Pisces. Instead of dwelling on disagreements, show care in meaningful ways. Simple gestures, like preparing a favourite meal or fulfilling a wish, communicate affection more powerfully.

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M

$10^{1}+\sqrt{[100]}$
$10+\sqrt{[100]}$
$10+10$
20

QUOTE UNCODE

He who does not know how to be silent will not know how to speak.

STRIKE OUT

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FAST FIVE

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RIDDLER

The Center of Attention

QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE

W. Letters on the left descend in steps of four. The values of the letters on the right equal the values of the letters on the left plus three, then minus three, etc.

BULL'S EYE

deer, DESERVE, ever, read, seer, serve, served, sever, severe, SEVERED, veer, veered, verse, versed

SUDOKU

2	3	5	8	6	9	7	1	4
6	7	8	4	1	2	5	3	9
4	9	1	3	7	5	8	2	6
8	1	9	5	4	3	2	6	7
5	6	7	1	2	8	4	9	3
3	2	4	7	9	6	1	8	5
7	4	6	2	3	1	9	5	8
1	8	3	9	5	4	6	7	2
9	5	2	6	8	7	3	4	1

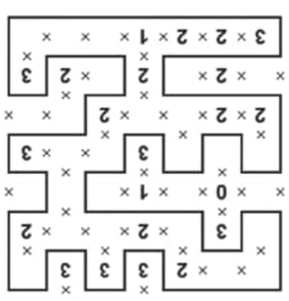
ALPHA TRIANGLE

D, DE, Ted, Tied, Tired, Editor, Orbited.

GO FIGURE

Easy
8 + 7 − 4 + 4 = 15
Medium
4 + 9 + 4 + 4 = 21
Hard
2 + 3 − 2 × 8 = 24

LOOP



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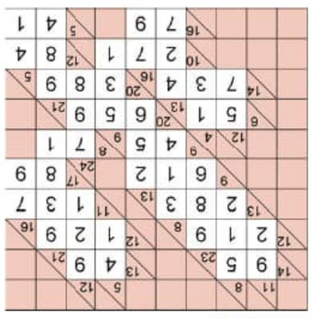

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Rear AC Vents	✓	✗
Electrically Adjustable ORVMs	✓	✗
Driver seat height adjust	✓	✗
Steering wheel mounted controls	✓	✗
2 Speakers	✓	✗
Footwell lighting	✓	✗
Front USB Charger (Type C)	✓	✗
Total Additional Feature Value [A]	**₹ 20,500**	
AUDIO SETUP		
Warranty	3 Years	1 Year
Price	₹ 14,999	₹ 23,490
Price advantage for better audio [B]	**₹ 8,491**	
VLTD Setup		
Price	₹ 13,999	₹ 14,500
Price advantage for VLTD Setup [C]	**₹ 501**	
Total Feature Advantage (A+B+C)	**₹ 29,492**	

Total Service Advantage of ₹ 39,782 over Tour S (DZIRE)

VAS Advantage [Service Package: 5yrs/150K Kms]		
Per Km Maintenance Cost [Rs./Km]	0.50	0.76
Total Maintenance Cost [Rs.]	₹ 74,426	1,14,208
Total Maintenance Advantage [With Package]	**₹ 39,782**	

*Source - From respective manufacture brochure & website

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4 cylinder engine

3 cylinder engine

Vehicle Warranty	Prime SD	Tour S (DZIRE)
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Extended Warranty	5 years / 180,000 kms	Not available

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